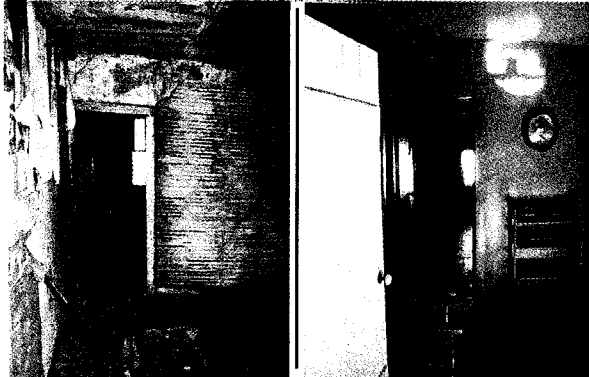
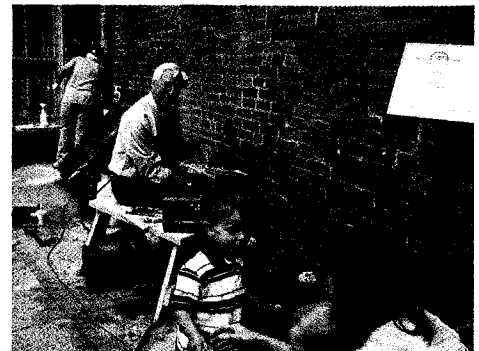
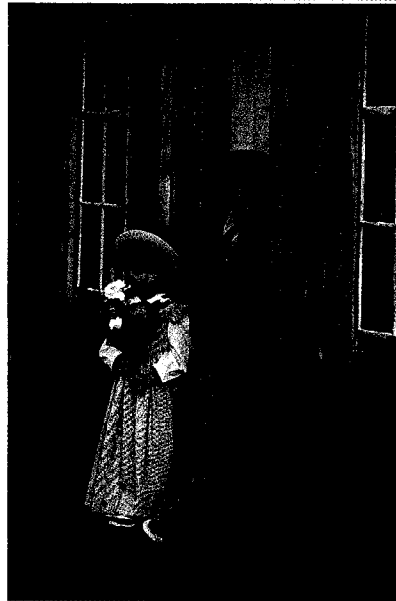


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Learn More

Virginia City or Nevada City Depot Visitor Center for more information about the Open every day all summer, at our visitor center you can arrange for a guided tour, rent an interpretive guide, or purchase tickets for a guided tour, talk to staff, or purchase tickets for a guided tour. Virginia City and Nevada City are connected by a historic stagecoach trail. Additional interpretive facilities include two displays in the Hangman's Building, school tours, ghost walk tours, and a tour to Boot Hill on a fire truck.

Alley - Interpretive signs guide you around and provide stories of interest here. Stop at the Montana Heritage Commission office at the alley for brochures and more information. Cabin tours are available upon request.

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MONTANA HERITAGE COMMISSION

The job of the Montana Heritage Commission has been called "one of the most ambitious preservation projects in the nation" (New York Times, July 21, 2002). The Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) takes pride in managing some of the most valuable and fascinating historic sites in Montana — Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley in Helena.

MHC plays a unique role in managing the historic assets of Virginia City and Nevada City. Our sites function as a kind of "living" museum within the context of a real town of 150 residents, a county seat, a major tourist destination and spaces for small business that lease our buildings. We also manage multiple ongoing historic preservation projects, an extensive cadre of volunteers, and growing education and preservation training programs. We strive to cooperate with many stakeholders in the success of the communities where we are located.

MHC is committed to the stewardship of these state-owned historic properties—buildings, artifacts, and landscapes, for the enjoyment and education of the public. The Commission's goal is to promote and preserve these historic sites, seek new educational uses, while encouraging Montanans and their guests to be omniscient about the rich history of this great state. Enjoy your heritage!



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The Montana Heritage Commission runs a diverse organization with 16 staff, about 12 seasonal employees and many volunteers.

- Tourism/visitor operations 7 days a week (May to Sept.)
- Railroad operations and tours
- Historic building preservation (260 buildings)
- Care and conservation of historic artifacts (est. 1 million items)
- Property / equipment maintenance (3 sites)
- Educational programs K-12, University partnerships
- National training programs
- Volunteer programs (Elderhostel, Americorps, private)
- Tenant and concessionaire property management
- Media / advertising
- Commission / Government relations
- Retail services
- Real estate management
- Fundraising and grantwriting
- New program development
- Community events
- Largest Living History Program in Montana



Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger joins Elderhostel volunteers to repaint historic brick work at Reeder's Alley.

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Montana's oldest
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Montana Heritage Commission
2011 Biennium

Legislative Fiscal Division Budget Analysis

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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WHAT THE DIVISION DOES

The 1997 Montana Legislature established the Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission to acquire and manage historic properties for the State of Montana. This legislation also approved the purchase of nearly 250 buildings, 160 acres of land, hundreds of thousands of artifacts, and, by association, much of the legend and lore surrounding the old mining towns of Virginia City and Nevada City. These towns were the first properties to be managed by the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC). Historic Reeder's Alley in Helena was approved for acquisition, through a private donation, by the Montana Board of Land Commissioners on November 19, 2001. The Pioneer Cabin at the base of Reeder's Alley, was later acquired through private donation from the Last Chance Gulch Restoration Association and was approved by the Land Board June 19, 2006.

Funding:

The Montana Heritage Commission is primarily funded by statutory appropriations (22-3-1004, MCA) and long range building appropriations.

Mission:

Manage, develop and operate Heritage Commission properties by preserving, stabilizing, rehabilitating, interpreting and exhibiting buildings and artifacts; overseeing and encouraging profitable commercial enterprises while creating and maintaining credible relationships with all stakeholders and partners, and protecting these historic resources for the educational benefit and enjoyment of all.

As the Commission, we believe:

- In saving history through education and the preservation of buildings and collections.
- That by working together with organizations who share our mission, and with membership and "friends" groups, we can better preserve important parts of Montana's past.
- That through education and interpretation, augmented by hands-on experiences, visitors can learn the value of preserving their heritage, and bring the past alive.
- That heritage resources and private enterprise complement each other.
- That development shall take into account the historic nature of the communities.
- That Heritage Commission properties shall continue to be a living and authentic historic experience.
- That sustainable funding is critical to the success of the Commission's mission.

- That heritage properties are precious public assets and that the public shares responsibility for supporting them.
- That the decision to include additional heritage properties under the umbrella of our commission, must be based on sound economic analysis, addressing the ability of the commission to fiscally manage the responsibility.

Goals and Measurable Objectives

The following figure shows the division biennium goals and performance measures that are associated with the proposed 2011 biennium statutory budget.

- Stabilize and conserve the most critical historic properties in Virginia and Nevada City
- Open two new business venues in Virginia City, to generate new revenue
- Expand our partnerships with state and national educational institutions
- Attract volunteer groups to help maintain our state historic properties
- Implement the master plan goals of the MT Heritage Commission strategic plan
- Increase our private fundraising capacity
- Initiate plans for 20x10 energy conservation projects on state-owned buildings

Statutory Authority

Montana Heritage Commission responsibilities are mandated primarily in Title 17, Chapter 7, and Title 22, Chapter 3, MCA.

HOW SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

MHC's responsibility to manage and preserve these historic properties encompasses historic preservation, archaeology, maintenance, education and interpretation, collections management, visitor services, volunteer coordination, and marketing. Specific efforts of these program areas include:

- Improvements to building structure, stabilization.
- Archaeological research and mitigation anytime ground is disturbed to conduct preservation.
- Protection of the historic integrity of properties and view shed.
- Conservation of valuable artifacts.
- Assessing both real and personal properties for potential sale or deaccession.
- Serving as a resource for education professionals and public. The sites serve as a natural living laboratory—no comparable learning site exists in the world that encompasses all of the program areas managed by MHC. The development and expansion of the Virginia City Institute is a major focus to emphasize the educational aspects of the project in the future.
- Maintenance and improvements to infrastructure—restrooms, water, sewer and electrical upgrades, safety, security, fire protection, weed control, parking, signing, and road maintenance.
- Improvements to and efforts to bring additional local housing for students, workers, and visitors.
- Marketing and promoting the sites for potential visitors, students and educators to Virginia City, Nevada City and Reeder's Alley.
- Seeking public and private funding support through grants, donations, appropriations and foundation development efforts.
- Recruiting thousands of volunteer work hours annually to increase efficiency of operations and stretch limited funds.
- Managing private leases for 25 private concessionaires, supporting approximately 150 local jobs; including two theaters, three liquor leases, saloons, hotels, restaurants, historic tours, gold panning, ghost tours, an old-time photo gallery, stagecoach, horseback riding, and gift stores.

- Managing our own MHC gift store, railroad, visitor center, and open air museum.

BUDGET AND POLICY ISSUES

The Montana Heritage Commission is statutorily appropriated.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES EXPANDED

No significant issues requiring expanded justification were requested by the LFD.

2009 LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE SUMMARY

As part of the 2009 Legislative Finance Committee's interim work plan, various workgroups met to discuss selected programs goals and progress towards specific measurable objectives, also referred to as performance measurements. It should be noted that some of the performance measurements were to be reached by June 30, 2009. The LFC interim project selected goals and related performance measurements and current status of the measurements are outlined below. A narrative discussion of the status of the measures (if any) is attached to the narrative section of this document.

The Montana Heritage Commission did not have any Legislative Finance Committee Performance Management Initiatives to report on in the 2009 biennium.